GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES AND MINERALS
LOK SABHA

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PURCHASE OF MATERIALS FOR JHANJRA PROJECT
SUNIL KHAN

Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that some colliery and official materials are being purchased through the contractor for Jhanjara Project of ECL at the cost of more than 6 to 10 times than the market price; and

(b) if so, the steps taken so far by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES & MINERALS

SMT. RITA VERMA

(a): No complaints have been received by the Government. Ithas been reported by Coal India that procurement of equipment is done strictly as per existing rules. For critical items/spare parts are purchased from original equipment manufacturer(in some cases imported) and their cost cannot be compared with local market price.

(b): Attempts are also made to find out indigenous spares made of proper material, specification and quality. Recently the import duties of imported spares have been reduced by the Government which has resulted in reduction of overall cost.